

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 41, 46-47, 52, 54-57 and 62, cancel claims 61 and 63 and add new claim 64 as follows:

1-40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) A composite article comprising a shower tray having a well with a floor, the shower tray comprising an upper member of sheet plastics material and having an undersurface, and a lower member of sheet plastics material that together form an outer shell having said upper member on a top side of said shower tray and said lower member on an underside of said shower tray, said upper member being spaced from said lower member to define a gap therebetween, and an inner core of filler within extending throughout said shell between said upper member and said lower member to fill said gap to provide strength and rigidity to the shower tray, said upper member being spaced from said lower member to define a gap therebetween, said gap inner core being constructed and arranged to separate said upper member from said lower member, to receive said core, and to provide strength and rigidity to said article, and wherein said core extends between said upper member and said lower member to support substantially the entire undersurface floor of said upper member well, and wherein said lower member is provided with a means for releasing air from said gap.

42. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said filler is a composite resin-stone mix.

43. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 42 wherein said resin-stone mix comprises a mixture of limestone, calcium carbonate, dicyclopentadiene (DCPD) resin and a catalyst.

44. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said upper member has an outer layer of hardwearing, scratch resistant material.

45. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 44 wherein said upper member has a layer of material underneath said outer layer for absorbing impacts occurring during use of the article.

46. (Currently Amended) A composite article according to claim 45 wherein said ~~upper member~~ outer layer is an acrylic capped layer and said ~~underneath layer~~ is an acrylonitrile butadiene styrene material layer.

47. (Currently Amended) A composite article according to claim 46

wherein a ratio of thickness of the acrylonitrile butadiene styrene ~~material layer~~ to the acrylic ~~cap layer~~ is 9:1.

48. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 41

wherein said lower member is made of acrylonitrile butadiene styrene.

49. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 41

wherein said inner core has a variable thickness.

50. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 41

wherein sockets are provided in an underside of said lower member for receiving legs for raising the article above a surface on which it is installed.

51. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 50

wherein the legs are push-fit into the sockets.

52. (Currently Amended) A composite article according to claim 41

wherein said upper and lower members further comprise means ~~to aid for~~ locating said members relative to one another ~~during moulding of said core~~, said locating means being

removable to provide a perimeter of said shower tray with a flat surface on an underside.

53. (Currently Amended) A composite article according to claim 52 wherein said locating means comprises co-operating formations on said upper and lower members.

54. (Currently Amended) A composite article according to claim ~~53~~ 41 wherein said ~~co-operating formations are~~ upper and lower members further comprise means configured to provide for providing a waste hole in a base wall of the article ~~said floor of said well.~~

55. (Currently Amended) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said ~~lower member further comprises a means for releasing air to release air trapped between said members during moulding of said core~~ comprises holes in said lower member.

56. (Currently Amended) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said lower member further comprises a means ~~to assist~~ for assisting distribution of said filler between said members during moulding of said core.

57. (Currently Amended) A composite article according to claim 56

wherein said lower member is provided with an array of interlinked recessed regions ~~that allow said filler material to flow freely between said members.~~

58. (Canceled)

59. (Canceled)

60. (Canceled)

61. (Canceled)

62. (Currently Amended) A shower tray comprising a floor and inner walls upstanding from the floor to define a well, the floor comprising an upper member of sheet plastics material, a lower member of sheet plastics material, and a solid core of filler separating said upper and lower members whereby the core extends below and supports substantially an entire undersurface of said upper member throughout said floor, and wherein said lower member is provided with holes.

63. (Canceled)

64. (New) A shower tray comprising a composite body having a side wall, an upper wall and a well in said upper wall, said composite body comprising:

a solid core that extends throughout said body between an upper member of sheet plastics material and a lower member of sheet plastics material, said upper and lower members being attached to said core on opposed sides thereof such that said upper member forms an outer surface of said side wall, upper wall and well of said shower tray with said core providing strength and rigidity to said shower tray throughout said side wall, upper wall and well, and said lower member being provided with holes on an underside of said shower tray.